

Franz Josef Community Council

January 2009

Report from the Health Team

1. A New Addition to the Team

We are pleased to welcome Megan Collie to the South Westland nursing team. Megan is working as the relief nurse for the South Westland practice; covering annual leave, study leave and other such things. Megan will be based in Franz Josef unless she is providing cover for Hari Hari or Haast. At the moment Megan is on her orientation programme – trying to get to grips with 5 different clinics as well as the various West Coast DHB systems.

We will be introducing Megan to as many local people as possible; both as a nurse who will be working in Franz Josef and as a new member of our community.

Megan's solo debut in Franz Josef will be on 26th and 27th of this month. Megan has excellent clinical skills but as with any new job the administrative systems are the hardest thing to get to grips with. For this reason Megan's consultations may take a little longer to begin with.

2. February roster

Because of Waitangi Day, there will be a slight change to the usual Dr clinics in Franz Josef. Please check the roster (notice boards, motels/hotels, outside the clinic or on the Franz Josef Clinic website <http://www.westcoastdhb.org.nz/> select "services" select "South Westland Region" select "Franz Josef Clinic") for details.

We will be on leave from the 25th February. Megan will be looking after things while we are away.

Fund Raising Committee Report

1. We are coming to the end of the designated period for raising funds towards the St John Ambulance part of the new health centre. The fund raising committee was convened by the Community Council last year following a St John Ambulance request for us to raise \$80 000 plus towards the new facility.
2. Cushla arranged for a designated bank account to be set up and since then many people have contributed their time, effort, ideas and money.
3. We got off to a very good early start with the successful application to the Council for \$100 000 towards the project. Presented to the council by Sammi and Cushla and supported by the Mayor, Maureen Pugh, the request was approved.
4. Numerous fund raising activities have taken place over the past 12 months including:-
 - a. The Ice Festival
 - i. Children's ice climbing
 - ii. The Ice Ball
 - iii. Orienteering
 - iv. Art Exhibition
 - v. Children's Disco
 - b. Meet the Locals evening
 - c. Country and Western evening
 - d. Collection boxes located around the town
 - e. Mail drop resulting in contributions from individuals and businesses
5. The net result is that the Franz Josef community has surpassed the original target set by St. John Ambulance. In so doing it has accomplished a number of other things:
 - a. Developed an annual fund raising cycle and processes for new community supported developments
 - b. Now has ownership of collection boxes in locations around the town together with a profile of the effectiveness of different locations
 - c. Through the application to the District Council the Franz Josef Community will have access to good quality meeting facilities in the new building.
 - d. Utilized a lot of local skills, goodwill and support in the achievement of a common goal.

All of these activities have been supported by local businesses and members of the community. We will be considering how best to represent these contributions in the new building.

I will be taking somebody from the Early Learning Centre fund raising group with me to swap over the inserts in the collection boxes and introduce the new project on January 31st.

A complete final report will be submitted to the February Community Council meeting when the final collection box round has been undertaken and the proceeds banked.